



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

September 12, 2016

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call – 7:05 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	X	Vacant (resident)	
Robert Palmer		Max Dubuisson	X
Bernie Pelletier	X	Vacant (staff)	
Joe Campanella	X		
Chris Nelson	X		
Total	5		
Additional Attendees	Doug Bacon, Gerry Hayes, Jeff Howard, Dan Tavelli, Dave Mello		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 15, 2016 - approved

3. Communications/Administration

- a. Alternate candidates

Matt M and Dave M are the remaining alternate candidates (Craig has declined). We will recirculate their statements and the “official” members will vote on a nominee to be submitted to Town Council.

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Hotel LEED update

Expect to have presentation or documentation/scorecard on Oct 17 meeting.

- b. Charter Oak update – LEED and composting

School opened on time, site work still under construction. LEED design submission is currently under review. Should hear back at end of Oct. LEED certification will happen sometime during school year. School also part of food composting program.

- c. Street Lights update – samples ordered

Various wattages in both 3000K and 4000K will be mocked-up for evaluation. Analysis will be done both ways. We will have to decide what any formal feedback process is undertaken to decide.

- d. Bright Idea Events

- Lightbulb Swap – Bishops Corner (M Sept 26 3-7 PM)
- Lightbulb Swap – Elmwood (Sa, Oct 1 (9:30-1:30))

Catherine to send out sample write-up for people to use in postings. Posting to: Sustainable WH Facebook page, WH Friends and Neighbors, Libraries, Town Hall Kiosk, Town/BOE email lists, REI, Whole foods, Stop & Shop, Renee's list-serv. We Ha, WH Press

Dan suggested we do a visible sign in the Town Center. Catherine to check with Sign Shop.

- EE Workshop – W, Oct 12 7-8:30PM, Rm 314

- i. Postcard reminder proof finalized

- ii. Planning committee update**

Bernie has been in contact with Samantha who recommends Walter Gayeski (formerly Victory Energy Solutions). He also did Bernie's insulation project, and would be a good speaker for EnergizeCT programs info generally and insulation. Bernie (insulation) and Max (mini-split) will do case studies. We also wanted to cover hot water heaters, energy efficiency appliances, thermostats, etc. Doug cannot attend on that date. Bernie will check to see if Walter can do this too, otherwise we will need to ask Samantha to recommend someone else. We will ask Walter for slides ahead of time to make sure they are on point. We expect about 50 people.

e. Energy / Recycling Plan

5. New Business

a. CT Clean Energy Communities 9/10/16 Meeting Recap

Bernie, Jeff, and Dave M went. 50+ Task Forces were there. Major highlights:

- Bob Wall announced renewable track will no longer be part of CEC.
- 4 Task force presentations:
 - i. Bernie - 100% Simsbury/WH (same presentation we saw last meeting)
 - ii. Easton/Mansfield – Towns' *Plan of Conservation and Development* – how to integrate Energy into this Plan (which is mandated). West Hartford's Plan is up for revision in 2019. Todd Dumais, Town Planner, will be in charge. The Cons & Env't Committee will be involved. Matt M is on that Committee. We should look at Easton/Mansfield examples to see what is included and get ahead of that rewrite process.
 - iii. Melissa Everett – Resiliency. Presentation focused more on DEEP's version of microgrids (town hall, school, police, etc.), not Bernie's "community microgrids" presentation from last meeting.
 - iv. Woodie Weiss – assorted cool LED technologies
 - 1. Street lights / color temperature / blue spikes -
 - 2. LED T8s - Note: Catherine indicated WH has not done much with LED tubes since they were not on the upstream rebate list). Doug indicated that he is not a fan of LED tubes, since once you go that direction you lock yourself into the old fixture and there is no reason to upgrade. He advocates LED retro kits or new fixtures which also get rid of the ballast. He thought LED tubes were on the upstream rebate list.

3. Full cut off LED flagpole lighting - displayed neat fixture that replaces ball on top of flagpole, swivels with wind and provides downlight. Cost = \$1000!
- CEC dashboard – under revision to make it more user-friendly and show more meaningful statistics.
 - Lynn Stoddard – DEEP developing municipal scorecard based on Sustainable Jersey model. Open for comment. Everyone look at NJ model and see what you think: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions-certification/participating-communities/>
Catherine to collect any feedback from members and forward to Lynn as a group.

b. Waste Update in Oct 17 – (John Phillips, Director of Public Works)

John will come next meeting. They did send out a survey to Renee's town list-serv to ask preliminary questions about "Pay as you Throw" concept. He will talk more about it at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment – 8:13 PM